

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Conference Report on Defense and Security Assistance Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9017–S9122

Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3096–3099. **Page S9033**

Measures Passed:

Public Health Service Act Amendment: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4365, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to children's health, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment:

Pages S9094–S9116

Lott (for Frist) Amendment No. 4181, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9094**

Kenai Mountains/Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area: Senate passed S. 2511, to establish the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area in the State of Alaska, after agreeing to certain committee amendments (committee amendments Nos. 4 and 5 were subsequently withdrawn), and the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S9088, S9116–17

Lott (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 4182, to make technical and clarifying corrections. **Page S9088**

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 405, to correct the enrollment of H.R. 4919, Defense and Security Assistance Act. **Page S9118**

H-1B Nonimmigrant Visa: Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 2045, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to H-1B nonimmigrant aliens, and began consideration of the bill, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S9026–28, S9037

Pending:

Lott (for Abraham) Amendment No. 4177, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9028**

Lott Amendment No. 4178 (to Amendment No. 4177), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S9028–29**

Lott Motion to Recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report back forthwith. **Page S9028**

Lott Amendment No. 4179 (to the Motion to Recommit), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S9028–29**

Lott Amendment No. 4180 (to Amendment No. 4179), of a perfecting nature. **Page S9028**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 4178 (to Amendment No. 4177) and, in accordance with the provisions of the Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, September 26, 2000. **Page S9028**

National Energy Security Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2557, to protect the energy security of the United States and decrease America's dependency on foreign oil sources to 50 percent by the Year 2010 by enhancing the use of renewable energy resources, conserving energy resources, improving energy efficiencies, and increasing domestic energy supplies, mitigating the effect of increases in energy prices on the American consumer, including the poor and the elderly. **Page S9029**

Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Monday, September 25, 2000.

Kake Tribal Corporation Land Exchange Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 430, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Kake Tribal Corporation, clearing the measure for the President.

Page S9116

Defense and Security Assistance Act Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4919, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of

1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9118**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the emergency declared with respect to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-129) **Page S9032**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mary Lou Leary, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S9122**

Messages From the President: **Page S9032**

Messages From the House: **Page S9032**

Measures Referred: **Page S9032**

Measures Placed on Calendar:
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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S9036-37**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S9037**

Additional Statements: **Page S9031**

Text of S. 2046, as Previously Passed: **Page S9088**

Recessed: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and recessed at 1 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, September 25, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9122.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 5267-5270; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 406, and H. Res. 589 were introduced. **Page H7996**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

H.R. 2346, to authorize the enforcement by State and local governments of certain Federal Communications Commission regulations regarding use of citizens band radio equipment (H. Rept. 106-883);

H.R. 4800, to require the Secretary of the Interior to identify appropriate lands within the area designated as Section 1 of the Mall in Washington, D.C., as the location of a future memorial to former President Ronald Reagan, to identify a suitable location, to select a suitable design, to raise private-sector donations for such a memorial, to create a Commission to assist in these activities, amended (H. Rept. 106-884); and

H.R. 4656, to authorize the Forest Service to convey certain lands in the Lake Tahoe Basin to the Washoe County School District for use as an elementary school site (H. Rept. 106-885). **Page H7996**

Speaker pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Pease to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7993**

Meeting Hour—Monday, Sept. 25: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet

at 12:30 on Monday, Sept. 25 for morning-hour debate. **Page H7995**

Senate Message: Message received by the Senate today appears on page H7993.

Referrals: S. 2046 was referred to the Committee on Science and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, Resources, and Agriculture. **Page H7995**

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:00 noon and adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USING TECHNOLOGY TO LEARN

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on Using Technology to Learn and Learning to Use Technology. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

NORTHERN IRELAND HUMAN RIGHTS AND POLICING

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded hearings to examine progress towards policing reforms in Northern Ireland in light

of the legislation pending in the British Parliament purportedly aimed at implementing the recommendations of the Independent Commission on Policing for Northern Ireland, after receiving testimony from Gerald Lynch, City University of New York John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, New York, on behalf of the Independent Commission on Policing for Northern Ireland; Brendan O'Leary, London School of Economics, London, England, former advisor to the Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland; Martin O'Brien, Committee on the Administration of Justice, Belfast, Northern Ireland; and Elisa Massimino, Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, Washington, D.C.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 25 through September 30,
2000

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2557, National Energy Security Act, and at 3:50 p.m., resume consideration of S. 2796, Water Resources Development Act, with a vote on final passage of S. 2796 to occur at 4:50 p.m.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration S. 2045, H-1B Nonimmigrant Visa, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on Lott Amendment No. 4178 (to Amendment No. 4177) proposed thereto.

During the remainder of the week, Senate expects to consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills and conference reports, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Special Committee on Aging: September 28, to hold hearings to examine nursing home initiatives, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: September 25, Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold hearings on S. 2709, to establish a Beef Industry Compensation Trust Fund with the duties imposed on products of countries that fail to comply with certain WTO dispute resolution decisions, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

September 27, Subcommittee on Research, Nutrition, and General Legislation, to hold hearings on Department of Agriculture financial management issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: September 27, to hold hearings to examine the status of U.S. military readiness, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

September 28, Full Committee, to resume hearings on United States policy towards Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 26, Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine HUD's performance management, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 26, to hold oversight hearings on the activities of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK), 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

September 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the marketing of violence to children, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

September 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Commerce trade missions and political activities, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 26, to hold oversight hearings to examine the current outlook for supply of heating and transportation fuels this winter, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

September 26, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 3044, to establish the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area in the State of Arizona; S. 3052, to designate wilderness areas and a cooperative management and protection area in the vicinity of Steens Mountain in Harney County, Oregon; and S. 3039, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell a Forest Service administrative site occupied by the Rocky Mountain Research Station located in Boise, Idaho, and use the proceeds derived from the sale to purchase interests in a multiagency research and education facility to be constructed by the University of Idaho, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

September 28, Full Committee, to oversight hearings to examine the impacts of the recent United States Federal Circuit Court of Appeals decisions regarding the Federal Government's breach of contract for failure to accept high level nuclear waste by January 1998, 10 a.m., SD-366.

September 28, Full Committee, with the Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold joint hearings to examine the status of the Kyoto protocol after three years, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 26, to hold hearings on S. 1763, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reauthorize the Office of Ombudsman of the Environmental Protection Agency; S. 1915, to enhance the services provided by the Environmental Protection Agency to small communities that are attempting to comply with national, State, and local environmental regulations; S. 2296, to provide grants for special environmental assistance for the regulation of communities and habitat (SEARCH) to small communities; and S. 2800, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish an integrated environmental reporting system, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

September 27, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Clean Air Act, 2:15 p.m., SD-406.

September 28, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings on H.R. 809, to amend the Act of June 1, 1948, to provide for reform of the Federal Protective Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: September 26, Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy, to hold hearings to examine IRS collection of child support payments, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 26, to hold hearings to examine U.S. foreign policy at the end of the current administration, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

September 27, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

September 28, Full Committee, with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold joint hearings to examine the status of the Kyoto protocol after three years, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: September 27, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 26, to hold hearings to examine biotechnology and consumer confidence of food, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: September 27, to hold hearings on S. 2052, to establish a demonstration project to authorize the integration and coordination of Federal funding dedicated to community, business, and the economic development of Native American communities, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 26, to hold hearings to examine the Wen Ho Lee case, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

September 26, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

September 27, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 25, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold oversight hearings on the USDA's administrative procedures regarding the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1 p.m., SD-226.

September 26, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Wen Ho Lee case, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

September 26, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight, to hold oversight hearings to examine the United States Sentencing Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

September 27, Full Committee, to continue oversight hearings to examine the Wen Ho Lee case, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

September 28, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine agricultural competition, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: September 26, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the American Legion, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, September 26, Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture, hearing on H.R. 1144, Country-of-Origin Meat Labeling Act of 1999, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

September 27, full Committee, hearing to review the implementation of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, September 27, hearing on the state of the Armed Services and future military requirements, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

September 28, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on occupational illness compensation for contractor and other employees of the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, September 26, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on Ongoing Energy Concerns for the American Consumer: Natural Gas and Heating Oil, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 27, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on the Future of the Interactive Television Services Marketplace: What Should Consumers Expect? 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, September 26, hearing on the Importance of Literacy, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Federal Prison Industries (FPI): Diverting Federal Property from the Computers for Learning and Other Programs to Expand FPI's Commercial Sales, 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

September 27, full Committee, hearing on Urban Renewal in Minority Communities, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

September 28, hearing on the Success of Charter Schools, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

September 29, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Behavioral Drugs in Schools: Questions and Concerns, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, September 25, hearing on Ethnic Minority Disparities in Cancer Treatment: Why the Unequal Burden? 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 26, full Committee, hearing on "Contacts Between Northrup Grumman Corporation and the White House Regarding Missing White House E-Mails," 2 p.m., followed by a hearing on "The White House Failure to Respond to Committee Requests," 3 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on Wildland Firefighters Pay: Are There Inequities? 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

September 27, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations, hearing on Gulf War Veterans: Linking Exposures to Illnesses, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

September 29, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on

"FirstGov.gov: Is it a good Idea?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, September 26, hearing on U.N. Inspections of Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction Program: Has Saddam Won? 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

September 27, hearing on Russia: How Vladimir Putin Rose to Power and What America Can Expect, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 27, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on AIDS in Africa: Steps to Prevention, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 28, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on the International Oil Crisis: Implications for the United States, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 26, to continue markup of H.R. 5018, Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 2000 and to mark up H.R. 2121, Secret Evidence Repeal Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 28, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on the Serious Human Rights Abusers Accountability Act of 2000, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, September 28, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing to review the final outcome of proposals and resolutions offered by the U.S. and other countries at the Eleventh Regular Meeting of CITES (COP11), 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, September 25, to consider the following: a resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001; and the conference report to accompany H.R. 4578, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, September 27, hearing on Computer Security Lapses: Should FAA Be Grounded? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 28, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight,

hearing on the Future of Small Business in America, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 27, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management, hearing on Aircraft Electrical System Safety, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, September 27, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on licensing and credentialing of military job skills for civilian employment, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

September 27, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Veterans Employment and Training Service program effectiveness and strategic planning, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

September 28, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Human Subjects Protections in VA Medical Research, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, September 26 and 28, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearings on the Tax Code and the New Economy, 1 p.m., on September 26 and 10 a.m., on September 28, 1100 Longworth.

September 26, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Social Security Notices, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

September 27, Subcommittee on Human Resources, to mark up the Flexible Funding for Child Protection Act of 2000, 10:30 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, September 26, executive, briefing on Update on DOE/NNSA, 2 p.m., and, executive, hearing on Status of Counterespionage Investigations, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: September 26, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the American Legion, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Joint Economic Committee: September 27, to hold hearings on strategic petroleum reserve, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Monday, September 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, September 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any routine morning business (not to extend beyond 2 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2557, National Energy Security Act.

At 3:50 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 2796, Water Resources Development Act, with a vote on final passage to occur at 4:50 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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